

Response to Office Action of January 3, 2006
Application No. 10/047,954

REMARK

Applicant's representatives wish to thank Examiner Szymanski for conducting a telephonic interview on March 30, 2006.

Claims 1-15 are pending; claim 16 was allowed in the Official Action of January 3, 2006.

Amendments to the claims

Claim 1 has been amended to indicate the concurrent nature of the processes.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The rejection of claims 1 to 15 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by US Patent No. 5,958,050 ("Griffin") is obviated by amendment.

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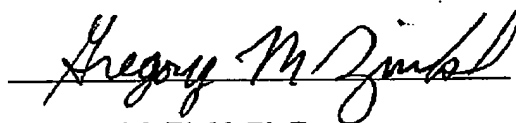
CONCLUSION AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Reconsideration and withdrawal of all claim rejections are respectfully requested. Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner have any questions or would like to discuss any matters in connection with the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (312) 627-2126 or gzinkl@dykema.com.

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